## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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2'-or 3'-Hydroxymethyl Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives for Treatment of

Hepatitis Virus Infections

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 24, 2005, said period of response being extended from August 24, 2005 to September 24, 2005.

Please charge the deposit account in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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